

In the Claims

1.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training apparatus comprising mouth and/or nose aperture(s) a mouth aperture, a nose aperture, or mouth and nose apertures, leading to a network of multiple pathways through which a fibrescope may be manipulated, the pathways formed by connection together of a number of individual branch components, at least some of which individual branch components are of a general Y-configuration comprising an entry end and at least one exit end, which may be connected together sequentially to form an expanding number of pathways in two or three dimensions, and further including a component representing an internal organ, connectable to a branch component and comprising an entry passage that expands into an internal cavity and an exit passage, the internal cavity of the organ component reducing to said exit passage from the internal cavity.

2.(Cancelled)

3.(Cancelled)

4.(Cancelled)

5.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 3 claim 1 wherein the internal organ component comprises one or more annular intermediate parts around the internal cavity which can be added or removed to change the size of the cavity within the internal organ component.

6.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 5 wherein one or more of said annular part(s) supports a diaphragm extending across the cavity within the internal organ component, with an aperture through the diaphragm through which a user may manipulate a fibrescope.

7.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training mannequin apparatus according to claim 6 wherein the aperture through the diaphragm is off-centre relative to a longitudinal axis through the internal cavity.

8.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 1 further comprising one or more cap components connectable to an exit end of a branch component.

9.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 8 wherein one or more of said cap(s) comprises a symbol, object, or image on the underside of the cap which faces into the branch component when the cap is connected to the exit end of the branch component.

10.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 1 wherein one or more of the branch components comprises an aperture through a side of the component into the interior of the component between the entry end and the exit end, and further comprising one or more caps including a part adapted to fit in said aperture and an end comprising a symbol, object, or image which will face into the interior of the branch component when the cap is in place.

11.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the symbol(s), object(s), or image(s) is/are said symbol, object, or image is asymmetrical.

12.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 1 comprising a mouth aperture and including a protruding web inside the mouth aperture which simulates a patient's tongue.

13.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 1 including means for introducing a flow of air and a liquid to create bubbles or a foam within the interior of the apparatus.

14.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 1 comprising an oral and nasal cavity component including said mouth and nose apertures, wherein said mouth and nose apertures lead to oral and nasal cavities and said oral and nasal cavities lead to and join at an exit from the oral and nasal cavity component, and including a protruding web inside the oral cavity which simulates a patient's tongue.

15.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training apparatus according to any one of claims 1, and 5 to 14 of the preceding claims including means to introduce a lubricating liquid to interior surfaces of the apparatus.

16.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 14 including means to introduce a lubricating liquid to interior surfaces of the oral and nasal component.

17.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training apparatus according to any one of claims 1, 5 to 14, and 16 further comprising a body enclosure in which the fibrescope training apparatus is housed.

18.(Currently amended) A fibrescope training apparatus comprising an oral and nasal cavity part including a mouth aperture and a nose aperture which lead to oral and nasal cavities, which oral and nasal cavities join and lead to at least one internal organ part representing an internal organ and comprising an entry passage that expands into a larger internal cavity, said internal organ part comprising one or more annular intermediate parts around the internal cavity which can be added or removed to change the size of the cavity within the internal organ part.

19.(Cancelled)

20.(Cancelled)

21.(Cancelled)

22.(Original) A fibrescope training apparatus comprising an oral and nasal cavity component including mouth and nose apertures, an oral cavity including within it a protruding web which simulates a patient's tongue, said mouth and nose apertures leading to oral and nasal cavities and said oral and nasal cavities leading to and joining at an exit end from the oral and nasal cavity component, said exit end leading to a network of multiple pathways through which a fibrescope may be manipulated, the pathways formed by connection together of a number of individual branch components.

23.(New) A fibrescope training apparatus comprising a mouth aperture, a nose aperture, or mouth and nose apertures, leading to a network of multiple pathways through which a fibrescope may be manipulated, the pathways formed by connection together of a number of individual branch components, one or more cap components connectable to an exit end of at least one said branch component, one or more of said cap component(s) comprising a symbol, object, or image on the underside of the cap which faces into the branch component when the cap is connected to the exit end of the branch component.

24.(New) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 23 wherein at least some of said individual branch components are of a general Y-configuration comprising an entry end and at least one exit end, which may be connected together sequentially to form an expanding number of pathways in two or three dimensions.

25.(New) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 24 further including a component representing an internal organ, connectable to a branch component and comprising an entry passage that expands into an internal cavity.

26.(New) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 23 wherein said symbol, object, or image is asymmetrical.

27.(New) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 23 comprising an oral and nasal cavity component including said mouth and nose apertures, wherein said mouth and nose apertures lead to oral and nasal cavities and said oral and nasal cavities lead to and join at an exit end from the oral and nasal cavity component, and including a protruding web inside the oral cavity which simulates a patient's tongue.

28.(New) A fibrescope training apparatus according to claim 23 further comprising a body enclosure in which the fibrescope training apparatus is housed.